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WE indorse the economical and busi and his Democratic associates," says the and all kindred diseases. Democratic state platform just adopted in Misseuri. That sentiment went down in a machine convention, but it excites disgust among the people.

Gov. STERRENS has been anxiously figuring on the cost of calling out the militia to protect the property and lives of the citizens of St. Louis. The cost of an army of useless clerks for the XLth general-assembly was not considered for a moment. The political hangers on had to be provided for.

other nation, and that "money is cheap- ticket be elected. er with us than anywhere else among men." It means much to eay in connec- Dockery is more than apparent, for the tion with this statement that every dol- candidate for governor worked for selar issued by the United States is equiva- eral of Pheips' favorites, notably for lent to gold.

THE United States is now sixth in the roll of naval power, but the naval bill which recently became a law, calls for the largest appropriation ever made by a measure of this kind. In the sear future the United States will take her proper place in naval strength with reference to the other nations of the world, that is, if the Republican party is continued in power, for a large number of Democratic votes were registered against the recent bill.

CROKER, the Van Wycks, and the bal- reaching office without a contest. trust in violation of the anti-trust lav | commissioner ter and see that the guilty are punished. has on the Missouri Democracy. whole kit declared for Bryan.

COL. BILL PRELPS, who owns the lobby that owns the Missouri legislature, a corporation lobbyist and gets pay for favors. it. He says, "we both suck eggs, but This candor threatened the party as a tinue to vote such a gang of freebooters go down with him. into power, the voters are entitled to no sympathy, no matter how many eggs may be sucked.

EUROPE is anxiously reaching out for crop in the United States. The exportation of cotton in April, 1900, the deby the treasury bureau of statistics, amounted to 264,044,318 pounds, against 134,397,328 pounds in April of last year was 9.3c and in April, 1899, 6.3c. an in-1900, and other countries increased their importation correspondingly.

In the last seven years alone the gifts to education in this country reach the 1897, \$45,000,000; in 1898, \$38,000,000; in Journal. 1890, \$55,000,000. This year's footings promise to be the largest of all. Seventy per cent of the benevolent donations of last year was given to education. The \$55,000,000 credited to colleges in 1899 is independent of \$5,012,400 bestowed upon libraries and \$2,686,500 for museums and art galleries, which are an important branch of educational advantages. In no leading college of the United States is the cost of instruction covered by the tuition fees.

British Loss, 40,000.

In the seven months of war in So	outh
Africa the British have lost over 40	000,0
men, killed, wounded, captured and	16-
valided. Following are the figures:	
Officers -	
Killed and died of disease	289
Wounded	731

Rilled and then of theeled	-
Wounded	731
Miseing	170
Invalided	416
Total	1,606
Rank and tile	
Killed and died of disease	4,309
Wounded	9,843
Missing	4,235
	7,203
Total	5,590
Noncombatants—	
Killed and wounded	1,400
In hospitals—	
Officers and men	12,000
Grand total	10,596

A Desirable Death.

Children get queer associations of ideas in their heads at times. A little lad on Caritol hill has a playmate of his own age in the son of a poor neighbor. The son of toil visited his richer friend tie. The son of wealth eyed the tie enviously for awhile and then asked Benny where he got it.

"My mamma dyed it for me for a birthday present," lisped Benny.

After Benny went home Rex played listlessly about for a time and then leaned on his mother's knee, thoughtfully studying the pictures in the fire. "Mamma," he said finally, "Benny's tie was awful pretty, wasn't it?

"Mamma, won't you kill me a tie like ington Star.

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cracy.
The Hon. Alexander M. Dockery heads
the state Democratic ticket, but Colonel
William H. Phelps, cerporation lobbyist,
is the power behind the throne.

So far as the state convention is con cerned. Phelps has secured everythin he wants. Through the nominations l THE treasurer of the United States dictated he will continue to have, as b gives figures showing that this country has had for a long time, absolute control borrows money at a lower rate than any of the board of railroad assessors, if the

That he has an understanding wit Allen, the nominee for auditor, who w be one of the board of assessors.

It must be remembered that candi ate Dockery, had he possessed the cou age of former Governor Stone in de nouncing the lobbyist, could have made almost any change in the slate that h desired. But while assuming that h did not wish to mix in the contests fo other offices, he worked with the Phelp forces to land the men most desired l the corporation agent.

The man whom Phelps made attorned general was renominated for that fa ance of Tammany have formed an ice Phelps also landed his man for railros

passed by the Republicans. Mayor Van If William J. Stone hoped to stan Wyck is also charged with being into pede the state convention against th some corrupt ice contracts with the city. notorious lobbyist by his denunciation Gov. Teddy Roosevelt will sift the mat- he little understood the grip that Phelp

If he puts these Tammany reformers In the Stone-Phelps fight, Phelps had into cold storage, perhaps they will not been the confident combatant. Twenty cut so much ice in the Kansas City con- years' experience in dealing with politivention as has been expected since the cians and binding them to him by abundant favors has made him absolute muster of the situation so far as his interests below: reach.

has delivered a speech is which he shows frankness of Phelps' Carthage speech in up Gov. Stone in the light of a lobbyist which he freely admitted the character and corporation leg-puller, who poses of his business. His only defense was before the people as a political saint. that Stone, who had attacked him, was Phelps does not deny that he himself is among the most eager recipients of his Chicago, Post Office building

Stone hides the shells." The Democratic whole, but it secured Phelps' hold upon the politicians. He fixed things so that Baltimore, new Custom House 1,600,000 Baltimore, Post Office building 2,087,778 Stone hides the shells." The Democratic whole, but it secured Phelps' hold upon past thirty years. If the people con-

The experience of Stone though incurring the enmity of Phelps was a warn | St. Paul, Post Office building ing to the other leaders who had ac Kansas City, Post Office build cepted his bounties, and every one of St. Louis, Custom House and whatever remains of last year's cotton them knew that he would be sacrificed as ruthlessly as the former governor had Omaha, Post Office building. been if he opposed the will of the lobby- Newark, Custom House and tails of which have just been completed ist. That is why the Phelps slate went through without controversy.

That, too, is one particular reason why Buffalo, Post Office . . . the Democratic platform, which declares | Ellis Island, Immigrant staand the value to \$24,684,078, against \$8,. sgainst truets and incorporation of reference New York, Sub-Treasury... New York, Sub-Treasury... New York, Sub-Treasury... New York, Post Office building That, too, was one reason why this New York, Appraisers' ware crease of about 50 per cent. The United platform, which declares against militar-Kingdom increased her importation of ism, has nothing to say about the im-American cotton from 52,000,000 pounds position of state police upon the muniin April, 1899, to 89,000,000 in April, cipalities of St. Louis and Kansas City, for these state machines, through a pliant and terrorized governor, have MilwaukeePost Officebuilding 1,886,402

been doing the bidding of Phelps. The people of Missouri have their choice a continuation of the corruption immense total of \$258,800,000, says the that has characterized the state for Globe-Democrat. The aggregate in 1893 many years, or the new order of things was \$29,000,000; in 1894, \$32,000,000; in promised by the Republican ticket and ground and horrify the vision. The 1895, \$32,800,000; in 1896, \$27,000,000; in the Republican platform.—Kansas City earlier examples of Government archi-

If the stomach performs its functions it is the receptacle, is transformed into blood of a nourishing quality, which furbody. Herbine gives tone to the stomach and promotes digestion and assimilation. Price, 50 cente. J. C. Philbrick.

The Chinese ask "how is your liver?" instead of "how do you do?" for when the liver is active the health is good. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are famous sale by S. W. Aiken, and C. O. Proud.

Transportation to Rural Schools.

The Journal of Education gives in- United States is no inconsiderable pos- SEND YOUR ORDER formation as to the plan in vogue in sessor of real estate. Iows for the transportation of rural children to school. The law permits the authorities of one township to contract with those of another for the instruction of childern who live at an unreasonable distance from their own schools. Where arrangements may be made for the trans. Clark O. Proud. poration of any children to and from the school. The plan is in operation on the largest scale in Winnebago county wall you could not feel worse than does There forty-nine children are conveyed les. We have a positive cure in Dr. Caldfrom two and one half to five and one-well's Syrup Pepsin. Sold by T. S. Hinde half miles, using four teams, at a cost of & Son. \$25 a month. Since the plan was put in operation the county authorities have been able to dispense with four schools the other day wearing a gorgeous red 2,500 the average attendance is less than inch in diameter. This will make the eleven. Such methods of instruction coin distinguishable by a touch, easily. are wasteful when time and money could be saved by the transportation of pupils and the larger classes, graded

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the pupils. Chicago Tribune.

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An unusually interesting response by the Tressury Department to a Senate fine appetite and a ripe old age, resolution of inquiry gives a cost list of are some of the results of the use the public buildings under the control of that Department, including those authorized and in process of construction. dose will convince you of their This is a partial inventory of the nation's improved real estate. We say a partial inventory, for while many great buildings, like the New York, Philadelphia and Chicago Post Offices, for example, are technically under the control of the Treasury, that control does not extend to the Capitol at Washington, the White House, or the great Department buildinge, except those directly belonging to the Tressury. This circumstance ac counts for the comparatively small showing of the District of Columbia in our table exhibiting the distribution of the

	The state of the s	
-	Government's investments in	enduru
0-	e ructures:	
_	Alaska	\$20,10
	Alubama	
ls	Arkansas	765.6
el	California	
t.	Colorado	1,579,50
٠,	Connecticut	1,511.93
	Delaware	404,88
0-	District of Columbia	7,345,80
g	Florida	976,40
e	Georgia	1,537,8
	Idsho	277,2
ıe	Illinoie	8,566,13
ol	Indians	3,022,42
e	lowa	1,910,60
	Kansas	1,266,96
	Kentucky	2,266,40
h	Louisiana	5,129,97
e	Maine	1,990,10
٠.	Maryland	4,846,71
or	Massachusetts	9,461,37
	Michigao	3,089,43
П	Minnesota	2,846,47
	Mississippi	490.89
-	Missouri	9,130,37
	Montana	560,04
	Nebraska	2,397,19
	Nevada	572,51
8	New Hampshire	643,60
e	New Jersey	1,441,25
e	New Mexico	64,40
	New York	29,285,67
r	North Carolina	1.247.62
s	North Dakota	100.00
y	Ohio	10,213,25
,	Oregon	1,305,31
	Pennsylvania	13,750,28
7	Rhode Island	372.20
	South Carolina	3,951,13
	South Dakota	252,30
2	Tennessee	1.830,26
d	Texas	2.125,25
-	Utah	300.00
-	Vermont	593,35
в	Virginia	1,591,64
- 1	Washington	569,00
,	West Virginia	628,45
9	Wisconsin	2,865,71
	Wyoming	250.01

The relative cost of the Government buildings, for site and structure, in some of the more important cities is shown

San Francisco, post office build San Francisco, Branch Mint. 1.230.512 Denver Mint.... Hartford, Custom House and

Indianapolis, new Post Office 1,500,000 Louisville, Post Office building 1,241,846 Boston, Post Office building. Boston, Custom House.... Detroit, Post Office building.

1,351,000 6,055,737 Post Office

Paterson, Post Office..... Brooklyn, Post Office..... tion.... New York new Custom House

2,330,022 house ... Cincinnati, Post Officebuilding Cleveland, Poet Office building 2.500.00 Philadelphia, Post Office.... 6,197,802 Philadelphia, new Mint..... Pittsburg, Post Office 1.957.763

What will be noted in looking through this list is the immense number of millions that were invested, during the middle period of Government construction, in edifices that encumber the tecture have character and in many instances satisfy the requirements of modactively and regularly, the food of which ern criticism. The gradual return in recent years to an enlightened and seasible policy in regard to the selection of nishes vigor and warmth to the whole architects for important Government work is producing results already pleas antly apparent. But between the two extremes there stretches a dreary mid dle age of common-place or positive monstrosity of conception and creation. If we add to the total of \$154,000,000 above presented the many millions more invested in structures not included in little pills for the liver and bowels. For the list because they are not under the control of the treasury, and add to that the value of unimproved territory be longing to the national domain, it will theach town for be seen that the Government of the outstand to all purpose. We have

Charles II. Marks, while acting in the capacity of nurse at the Second Division Hospital of the Fifth Army Corps at Santingo de Cuba, used a few bottles of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diar | Puget Sound, "The Burlington Northern the saving of expense or increased ad- rhoes Remedy for diarrhoes and found

New Three-Cent-Piece. A new coin 3-cent piece has been through tourist sleepers, through dinsaving \$486 a year. The plan should be authorized by act of Congress to take ing car service and standard sleepers. taken advantage of in more Iowa dis- the place of the old coin which was so This is the main traveled road Mesouri tricts. There are now 233 school dis- much like a dime that its coinage was river to the Northwest. tricts or subdistricts in Iowa, where stopped. The new 3-cent piece is order-schools are maintained for an average at old bronze cent, only thicker. In the tendance of less than six pupil, while in center is to be a hole one-fourth of an Ogden; also to the Northwest - Mon It will be some time, however, before the new com will be in circulation. Ez.

Last fall I sprained my left hip while schools, and better class of teachers that handling some heavy boxes. The doctor I called on said at first it was a slight could be secured would be of benefit to strain and would soon be well, but it grew worse and the doctor then said I had rheumatism. It continued to grow worse and I could hardly get around to work. I went to a drug store and the



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These differences in livestock values are almost as remarkable as the advances in iron and steel products, and they benefit a vastly larger number of people. remarkable increase since 1896. The to:al packing in the provision year 1895-1896 was 20,480,000 head, and for 1899 1900 it has been 28,172,000. These figures do not represent the entire slaughtering of the country, but only those at commercial centers where reports are regularly made. The Cincinnati Price Current estimates the outside slaughtering at 10,000,000 head yearly which would bring the yearly average just now up to 40,000,000. The slaughtering since March 1 has increased over 500,000 head. There has been a decline in the amount up in the number marketed, so prices promise to advance instead of declining. This is the clue also to the present up- Attorney - at - Law, elf." vard movement in quotations.

With such prices as the farmer gets for his live stock and such crops as he is raising he can bear with equanimity the declines in iron and steel, and the shrinkage in railroad and industrial securities. If his crops and his prices keep up, it is J. G. WALKER, M. D., a question of not how long the reaction in other commodities will continue, but how soon it will be checked. The farmer is a great consumer, and with full pockets he is such a liberal buyer that the markets of the world must feel his sustaining power. There is no evidence that he is being seriously affected by overproduction in any of his staples, and to this tremendous undercurrent of agricultural prosperity the commercial world must respond.

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The Young Man.

A.nong the many questions which are under dispute in this most disputations time is that one of whether it is worth while for a boy to get himself born. When the world was so big that men could not look clear around it, and there was still a West with a few acres not pre empted, things looked promising for the aspirant to life. There was a Northwest passage to everything, and any boy might be Sir John Franklin or Sir Francis Drake. If he did not find the paseage he would still find fame. Those who found the earliest way to the Indies became merchant princes. Those who laid the iron rails across a continent became railroad magnates. Those ho first claimed boundless tracts out of the boundless prairies became cattle barons. Those who dug into the earth with pick or dynamite became kings, copper or iron or silver or gold kings. The titles which had served to distinguish men in a monarchy were conferred upon those who were supreme in trade. cts a general banking business. Inter-Any boy might sometime be a king or a baron, a magnate or a prince. A Vanderbilt, a Gould, a Cornegie, an Armour, a Hill, a Pillebury, a Weyerhauser, were boys who had themselves born into the spectfully solicited. Special care given world at the time when the natural re-

ources demanded developement. That time is passed. But a few months ago, Senator Washburn, Minnesota's perferred candidate for the vice presidency, was lamenting that the boy lacked opportunity, that all the avenues whereby the young man had made himself the great man were blocked by those who had succeeded. He left the young man believing that he was a surplus; Capital Stock Paid Up. \$20,000 the uncarned increment of humanity. David Starr Jordan has lately come forth with the statement that "the best time to be a boy the world has eyer known is just this time - just at the outstart of a great, vigorous, forceful, wisdom-loving century; and just the best place to be a boy is right here in the United Seates, the one part of the earth where a bey can grow up with a reasonable chance of making the most of him

The difference between the two statements is due, not to a conflict of truth, but to a difference in the point of view. Senator Washburn is correct if we look to the past, to the old regime of successful men. Not many more men can become great through millions. President Jordan is correct, looking to the future. All men may become great through mind. The material apportunities of the earth are exactly limited. The mind opportunities are infinite. The time is coming when not one of there "titled" Americans whose greatness is determined by his bank account will be entitled to respect unless he can show something more. As S. Weir Mitchell said lately, "a million is explanatory." A better exlanation of greatness than dollars will be required in the coming years, and that is the opportunity of the young man. If he fails in this he fails in life.

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The Governor Responsible. A little while ago the finger of scorn was pointed at Kentucky because armed nes were walking the streets of her capital and bloodshed was threatened. But was Kentucky as bad as St.

Louis? In the large and populous city noted for its culture and refinement, filled with churches and schools unequalled in the land, men and women assaulted and shot down and riot runs rampant. The situation in St. Louif, as it was in Kentucky, is due to cratic party.

A few wasks ago Governor Stephens made the statement that certain Democrats, men of his own party, were responsible for the strike. He did nothing to effect a settlement. Daily the situation grew more hopeless. Innocent men bave been slain and innocent women have been stripped of their garments on the streets, pursued, hooted by mobe and treated to indignities that would bring the blush of shame to the cheeks

of a Digger Indian. Clearly, the situation was at that stage when repressive measures that will maintain the ascension of order are imperative. Influential citizens of St. Louis petitioned the governor to order were the militia. He refused to do so, although the trouble grew more violent and there was no indication of improve

nent. The governor is to be condemned for his inaction. The Democratic party of bitterness that has been engendered in St. Louis and for the bloodshed that has taken place. When a governor is elected by the people, who will not act in public matters unless inspired by a political motive, the law abiding people of the state will hold his party responsi-

ble for his inertness. Lawlessness cannot be permitted to continue in St. Louis and if the local authorities are unable to maintain order, as the citizens have declared, it is the Calls promptly attended to, day or night | duty of the governor to take the matter in hand and act with alacrity .- St. Juseph Herald.

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